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acquired in an at least two-dimensional field, whereby a filed axis (DTE) acquires echo times TE and whereby another field axis (DTR) reproduces repetitions of excitations at a time interval T_R.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in bracket and underline format in Exhibit A, attached herewith.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the above-mentioned claims in order to place them in proper U.S. claim format and eliminate multiple dependencies. Thus, the claim amendments relate to form and should in no way be construed as being for any reason related to the patentability of these claims.

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